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12 August 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SB
SUBJECT : Status of Action on HEINE-RAUS Case

Following is a brief summary status report on HEINE-RAUS action:

1. Court Action: Next hearing on Motion for Summary Judgment in early September. Judge Thomsen may render his decision shortly thereafter, and it could go either way. If against defendant, trial would be put on the calendar probably not before Spring 1967. If for defendant, case is over unless plaintiff appeals to Circuit Court (we anticipate he probably will).

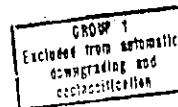
2. CI Analysis:

- a) Analysis of HEINE's biography is continuing as additional trace and other information is received.
- b) [] is working on HEINE's documents received from BFF, from HEINE (through his lawyers), and RCMP (not yet received).
- c) Tracing of individuals of possible interest is continuing, e.g., SCHIDLOVSKI, now in Southwest Africa, who allegedly repatriated to Germany with HEINE in 1956; LOOKE, named by VESKIMETS as knowledgeable re HEINE's detention by NKVD in 1940-41.

3. Liaison with Canadians:

- a) We are exchanging HEINE documents in our respective possessions. There are several suspicious elements connected with his documentation which cast doubt upon his biography as given in his deposition.

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- b) We recently passed RCMP a list of 8 individuals who may have information on HEINE. No response as yet, and no indication whether they will interview them.
- c) We have several times emphasized to RCMP the importance of a thorough check of HEINE's finances. No response as yet.
- c) Awaiting reply re our proposed interview with VESKIMETS.

4. Liaison with British:

- a) appointed by SMOTH for liaison with us re HEINE. (I know him.) 5043 indicates he is fully cooperative.
- b) At suggestion, will check out HEINE's correspondence with Republic of Estonia Legation in London.
- c) Colonel Alfons Rebane: suggests bringing him to London where he will introduce Rebane to CIA staffer for debriefing. We will accept this offer, planning for TDY of Headquarters officer at time convenient for and between 28 August and 11 September.
- d) During same TDY, will plan to debrief in Hamburg, also travel Bonn to check re CAVATA response and possibly meet with CAVATA officer.

5. Liaison with Germans:

Preparing further questions re HEINE's repatriation to Germany, documentation, etc.

6. Liaison with Swedes:

Preparing a list of questions re HEINE background, also names of several Estonians who might be interviewed.

7. Leads in U.S.:

- a) Several (3 or 4) former CIA Estonian agents and contacts who should be debriefed on particular aspects. Staffing

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out advisability of seeing them ourselves (CI Staff
re any FBI problems, OGC re any negatives from
legal standpoint, etc.)

- b) Approximately 20-25 other Estonians in the U.S. who may have useful knowledge, some particularly interesting. Propose to have them seen by private investigators, but desire to await results of forthcoming court hearing.
- c) Romulus Mandel: After long discussion with Larry Houston, we decided against seeing him. (If he were put on the stand, the door would be opened for Raskauskas to demand that we produce the other CIA officers who debriefed HEINE in 1957. They are and)

8. Disbursements to date:

March 1965 :	Deposition	\$ 2,076
	Private Investigators	<u>2,822</u>
		\$ 4,898
July 1965 :	Lawyers	\$12,898
	Lawyers' Expenses	218
	Private Investigators	<u>1,954</u>
		\$15,070
August 1966:	Lawyers	\$12,000
	Lawyers' Expenses	1,148
	Private Investigators	<u>5,597</u>
		\$18,745

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